

KS1 Homework ideas

We really value the input you have with supporting your child's learning at home. We hope you find the ideas below helpful in supporting your child.

Reading

It is important to listen to your child read **three times a week at least**. This will help them to become more confident in reading and help with their fluency as well. Any books are great to read so please do not just limit it to the books that we provide your child with. Encourage your child to look at other books you may have at home. Can they retell the story using the pictures? Can they spot phonemes and graphemes they have been learning in class?

Reading to your child is just as important. Enjoy books at any time of the day where you can:

- discuss your favourite characters
- talk about the events of the book
- discuss your favourite parts
- discuss vocabulary

All of this is important in building your children's confidence across the curriculum.

Other possible ideas:

- I spy games, beginning with the sounds your child has been taught that week
- Choosing five tricky words or phonemes or digraphs to learn each week. Write on a post it note and leave in different places around the house. Can your child read them as they pass them?
- Finding objects around the house linked to the different sounds your child has been taught that week
- Playing bingo. Draw a 3 x 2 grid on a piece of paper. Write a tricky word in each box. As you read a word can they locate it on their board and tick off?

Spelling:

In years 1 and 2, you will have been provided with the common exception word list. These are words which are not able to be spelt through phonics. We will be practising these in class but any extra reinforcement at home, is always a huge benefit.

- Stick post it notes of five chosen words around the house. Ask your child to locate the word and then write it down without looking. They can check to see if they are correct or look at the part they have written wrong.
- Write each letter of the word in a different colour
- Look, cover, check strategy
- Find the tricky part of the word and write this in a different colour
- Spelling frame is a good online game
- Build the words from magnetic letters

- Spell and roll – each number of a die relates to a different word. Children roll a dice and write the word according to the number on the die, e.g. 4 = find.

Times tables (for year 1 and 2)

By the end of Year 4 all children are expected to know **ALL** times tables, including division facts. As a school, we have split the times tables to be learnt within each year group

Possible activities to help with learning times tables:

- Times tables rock stars – all children have a log in
- Hit the button – a topmarks maths game online which allows you to decide the times table to focus
- Bingo – create a 3x2 grid. Write an answer for a times table in each square. Call out the number and if your child has it on their board, they can cross it off.

This would be good to practise with other children in our family in a different year group so that the children are really having to listen out for their particular times table.

- Reciting the times table anywhere you are, e.g walking to school, in the bath, on a car journey
- You can buy times tables CDs with catchy songs to help learn the tables.

We will let you know through Classdojo, the sounds and spelling patterns that we have been looking at so that you can help support your child at home.

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